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The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids. Our goals include: an exchange of information from exhibitions, publications, and the Internet, maintenance of a reference library, and participation in worldwide activities.

June Speaker

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. June 3, 2014



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AOS Judging: 7:00 PM
Skills Session: 7:05 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

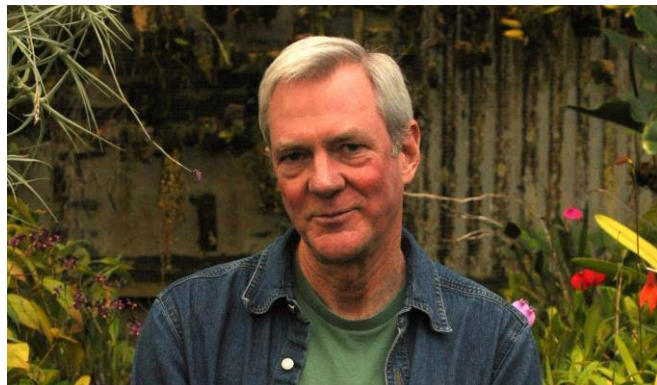
San Francisco County Fair
Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th
Avenue and Lincoln Way, San
Francisco. Plants submitted for
American Orchid Society
Judging must be entered
between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Dan Newman of Hanging Gardens *Miniature Orchids*

Dan Newman

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's expensive to maintain really warm conditions in Pacifica!). This number includes a few hybrids, but species make up his core collection and most of his sale stock. He also grows a variety of "companion plants", which share the natural habitats of orchids.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.



Speaker

Dan Newman

Miniture Orchids

Skill Session

Paul Bourbin
Growing Disas

Plant Opportunity Table

Hanging Gardens

Plants for Sale
Hanging Gardens

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Miniature Orchids



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Orchids come in many sizes, from massive to miniscule. While there is no universal definition of what makes a miniature orchid, most collectors would agree that everyone who gets hooked on orchids eventually runs short of space! There are more fascinating species in the world than any of us can hope to accommodate. By including some smaller-growing plants in our collections, we can fit more variety into the space we have available. The aim of the talk will be to illustrate the charm and

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diversity of "miniature orchids" and to discuss their needs in cultivation.

There is no Dinner with the Speaker this Month

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting May 12, 2014

Present: Mary Gerritsen, Dennis Westler, Valerie Mountain, Chris Mende, Steve Beckendorf, Claire Zvanski, Carol Zoltowski, Jean Lee, George McRae, Dave Hermeyer, Dexter Hodes

Excused: Florence Inserto

The meeting started at 7:30. Mary welcomed Dexter as a new Director and noted that George will be taking over as President as of the June Board meeting.

I. Vice President's Report

A. Steve: June speaker will be Dan Newman from Hanging Gardens, topic: Miniature Orchids. He will also provide the plant opportunity table. The Skill Session will be led by Paul Bourbin on Growing Disas. The speaker for July is still being confirmed.

II. Membership

A. Claire noted that there have been a few new memberships and renewals in the past month. Florence is reviewing the roster, and Mary will assist her to reconcile dropped and paid memberships to ensure the roster is accurate.

III. Treasurer

A. Carol reported the bank account totals as of meeting time: Market Rate Savings \$1506.63, Checking: \$37,032.54, High Yield Savings: \$171,624.58. There are still a few bills outstanding from POE. Carol has researched offsite storage for SFOS financial records, and suggested using Data Safe for this service. This was discussed as a good idea. Steve made a motion to use Data Safe for the SFOS financial record storage, the motion was seconded and passed by all. Another motion was made to have our bookkeeper, Beverly Myers, be the point person for all financial data entry for the

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FEATURED ARTICLE

2013-2014 Membership Directory

The new membership directory is now online on the SFOS website. All members with an email address in our records should have received instructions for login and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can still use the directory. Just go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - floinsert@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

2014 Dues Are Now Payable

(\$25 per year-Individual)
(\$40 per household-2 or more-
per year)

Dues may be payable at any SFOS meeting,
or go the Web
site www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
g

and use Pay Pal or mail to
SFOS- Membership
PO Box 27145
SF, CA 94127-0145

SFOS, and her accounting services fee will be increased from \$150 to \$200 per month. This motion was also seconded and passed by all.

IV. Old Business

A. POE report- Dennis reported that the profit from the POE will be between \$47,000 and \$51,000, with some bills still be paid. The next POE Board meeting will be May 27th at 6:00PM. Sally Robertson would like to do a painting of Phragmipedium kovachii for POE 2015, and develop the theme from this. Dennis will be presenting his idea for the theme: "Thrill of Discovery" to the POE Board. Ticket prices for next year will not be changed. They will be working with Taiwan for sponsorship again for next year's show. Dennis noted that they are working on some special events, such as the Symphony luncheon that was done last year, with tours and speakers. Part of the ticket prices for these events goes to the SFOS. The Silent Auction went well for the 2014 show. The new floor plan will be used again for the 2015 show with some added revisions. Tom Perlite will be replacing Ken Giebel as Show Manager for POE 2015.

B. Orchids in the Park- The dates for OITP will be August 2nd and 3rd. Tom Perlite is not helping with the show this year. Mary has contacted 23 vendors and has started to receive replies. Vendor commitments are needed by June. Kay Klumb will staff the membership table, Jean will be at the book sales table, and Claire will run the Plant Hotel for one of the days. Mary is looking for volunteers to handle other areas such as Security, vendor lunches and help with setting up the hall. Sign- up sheets and postcards to distribute will be available at the June monthly meeting.

V. New Business

C. Budget- The budget was presented to the Board for review and discussion. The amount allotted for the bookkeeper was updated as per the motion passed earlier in the meeting. The Society has a small cushion of funds this year, some of which will be used to update the SFOS website. A motion was made to pass the budget as amended. This was seconded and the motion was passed.

D. Board Meeting Schedule- Board meetings will continue to be held on the Monday following the general meeting. The Board will continue to use Skype for the meetings. George will be the point person to set up the Skype calls. Jean will no longer be attending every Board meeting. She was thanked for her many years of service and invaluable knowledge of SFOS history.

E. Appointment of Tom Perlite- As the incoming Show Manager for POE 2015, Tom will need to be covered for liability by being appointed to the Board as an Ex-Officio member. A motion was made to appoint Tom Perlite as POE Production Manager for 2015. The motion was seconded and passed.

- \$25/year or \$40/year (with Email Newsletter Option)
 - \$45/year individual (with USPS Mail Newsletter Option)
- Thank you!

Welcome New Members

**Angelique Fry
Ernest McGray, Jr.**

Please welcome our new members whenever you meet them and especially at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SFOS

Member Orchid Related Businesses in our Roster are out of date. All current SFOS members who wish to have their Orchid Related Businesses listed need to contact membership. See contact information above or at end of this newsletter.

Refreshments

U- B

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **U - B** please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. About three dozen cookies, one cake, one to two pounds of fruit or cheeses, or one box of crackers is an appropriate amount. Remember to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the

F. Hall of Flowers set up- There were still some issues with the Hall set up at the May SFOS meeting. There were chairs available, but no tables, except in the other meeting rooms. Steve will contact Kern at the Hall of Flowers to discuss the meeting set up and breakdown. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

SFOS Budget: 2014

Expenses

Description-Projected Costs

- Book keeper \$1,200
- Accounting \$2,400
- Audit \$2,400
- File Storage \$600
- Books \$600
- Books and Magazines \$300
- Donations \$6,000
- Dues \$80
- Liability Insurance \$225
- Licenses \$50
- Repairs \$500
- Newsletter \$500
- Office Supplies \$300
- Postage \$300
- Opportunity Table \$3,600
- Speakers \$6,000
- Website* \$3,000
- Rent \$2,900
- Storage Locker \$6,100
- **Total (projected) \$37,055**

Income

Description-Projected Income

- Membership fees \$3,750
- POE (net) \$25,000
- Plant opportunity table \$2,400
- Interest \$90
- Book sales \$800
- Orchids in the Park (net) \$5,000
- **Total (projected) \$37,040**

* This budget for the website this year includes extra funds

rewards of sharing - and good luck in the drawing!



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific
Judging Center Web
site: www.aospacificcentral.org/
Please check the Web site for
the most recent awards.



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Newsletter Items

The SFOS Newsletter
welcomes news,

for a website update with a copyrighted design and updated webpages that will facilitate updates in the future.

SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid related items. Send items by the 15th of the month by email to: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com Include your name, phone number, and how long you want the item to run. We will also run items of interest from other orchid societies. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited.

Upcoming Events

June 3, 2014 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Dan Newman - Hanging Gardens

Subject: Miniature Orchids

Skill Session- Paul Bourbin - Growing Disas

May 20, 2014. San Francisco Succulent and Cactus Society's May Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Two part presentation by Attila Kapitany of Australia: the first is on Australian succulent orchids, and the second is on Australian fat-trunked trees.

San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco. Same location as the SFOS meetings. Link to the newsletter:

<http://gallery.mailchimp.com/0b93ab73ae45757d93bb9ffc2/files/5299ab08-389c-44ab-bb8e-8d6275050181.pdf>

May 30-June 1 9th Annual San Jose Orchid Exposition

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose. Friday 5:30-9:30pm \$10, Saturday 9am-6pm \$5, Sunday 10-5pm \$5. See www.realorchidgrowers.com

June 7, 2014: Cymbidium Orchid Estate Sale. Saturday only. 10 AM to 4 PM

articles, events, and any other items of interest to members.

Send items by the 15th of the month in an email to Stanford Stapleton at:

stanford@rkmediasolutions.com

Please include your name at the beginning or end of your text. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!

Sincerely,

San Francisco Orchid Society



774 Manor Way, Los Altos, CA. 94024. This is a sale of the entire Cymbidium Collection of Pat Proctor, approximately 350 orchids. It consists of many old and some rare Cym. antique hybrids, a few species, and recent seedlings and mericlones from Casa de las Orquideas and Hatfield Orchids. Plants were tested within the last two years and show no signs of virus, but there are no guarantees. All plants priced to sell. \$3 for 3", 4" and 5" pots; \$5 for 1gal pots; \$10 for 2-gal pots and all plants in spike or in bloom. As always for a sale of this type, come early and please bring your own boxes. Cash or check only. No pre-sales. No entry before 10AM. For more information, contact goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

June 14th 12th Orchid Digest Speakers' Day

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA 12:30pm-8pm in the Ahmanson Classroom. Go to www.orchiddigest.org for tickets and more information.

July 11-13th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93111, for more information call 800-553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com.

August 1, 2, and 3, 2014 Symphony of Orchids! Hilo Orchid Society's 62nd Annual Show and Sale

Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Displays, demonstrations, orchid sales and orchid-related products. Refreshments, entertainment. \$5 donation; keiki under 12 free. 808-333-1852 or www.hiloorchidsociety.org.

We have arranged special rates with two of our local hotels. Please contact Barbara Fahs at hiiakas@lava.net for rates and details.

Aloha!

August 2-3rd Orchids in the Park

New, earlier date! This show has been held in September in the past. Save the date!

Upcoming Speakers

July 2014 -TBD

Notices

Wear Your Name Badge

The board voted to provide a special raffle ticket to members when they pick up and wear their name tags at our meetings. A drawing for a plant from the opportunity table will be limited to this and will immediately follow the choice by the person who did the Skill Session and the winner from the Show and Tell table. So, wearing your name tag will get you an early selection from the opportunity table.

Your name tag will be available at the membership table.

Member's Corner

SFOS Monthly Show and Tell Table

We want to thank our members who bring in their plants for display at the monthly meetings. This is a great viewing experience for all and a great way to learn about new plants we might want to try to grow in the future for ourselves.

But did you know that you can bring in a blooming plant that you might not be certain about the name or type and have our group of experts help identify your plant? The more you know, the better your chance of success. Thank you for participating and we'll see you and your plants at the next monthly meeting.
The Board

Meet your President

It's an honor to be your president! I'm rather in awe and predictably terrified. I wanted to let you all know something about me in as much of a nut shell as I can make it. I work in performing arts in all sorts of capacities: actor, director, and audio describer of live theater for blind and visually impaired people. My wife and I own a small home business called Garden Delights Arts and Crafts. Based around my wife, Heidi's, photography. My contribution is homemade Castile soaps, beeswax candles and honey from beehives I husband. I also keep backyard hens. I gadfly local government when they go astray, mostly for public safety and environmental issues as well as "clean" politics. I do a lot of volunteering with feral/homeless/community cat stuff, too, working at a low

cost spay and neuter clinic in Richmond, where I assist in preparation, surgery and recovery. I keep and have worked in rescues with turtles and tortoises.

I've been keeping orchids since 1996. My collection is in the hundreds. My successes are mostly with Draculas and Masdevallias as well as other Pleurothallids. I don't have a greenhouse, per se, and grow mostly outside and windowsill. I've been on the board of directors of the Orchid Society of California, and have served as Vice president and President of the Diablo View Orchid Society. I have served as corresponding secretary of the East Bay California Native Plant Society.

I'm originally from Massachusetts, and got stung by the orchid bug at a very young age, when my friend Joey, snuck me into his dad's greenhouse.

With your support, the board and I hope to continue keeping this society as wonderful as it is. You should all be proud of what we all do! I certainly am!!! I'm always open to your thoughts and suggestions. My favorite dessert is a black and tan ice cream sundae, and I have an unfortunate onion ring fetish.

George McRae

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Announcements

Greetings San Francisco Orchid Society Member

It's time to renew your membership!

Last chance to keep getting your SFOS Newsletter unless you renew

With the passing of another year, it's time to renew your San Francisco Orchid Society Membership for 2014.

Your dues help the Society fulfill its mission to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to educate the public about orchids. Each year, the Society puts on one of the largest orchid shows in the U.S., brings you speakers from around the world giving presentations on all manner of topics about orchids and presents a diverse

and highly educational plant table at each monthly meeting.

The Society thanks you for your support this past year (or half year to those of you who've joined since June!) and we hope you'll continue your membership for 2014. Dues are \$25/year individual or \$40 per couple - a bargain when compared to many other plant societies.

The Society also established an endowment, a savings account basically, to support the mission and operation of the Society in the future. All contributions to the endowment are tax-deductable. This is also a great opportunity to make a donation for the 2014 tax year and it will really help secure the future of the Society for years to come.

Thank you and we'll see you at the Hall of Flowers!

Claire Zvanski and Florence Inserto

San Francisco Orchid Society

Volunteer Board Members

Membership C0-Chairs

On-line Membership Roster

We have been updating our membership lists, and hopefully the on line roster is up to date too. If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go

to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php

If you have forgotten your password there is a link to recover your password. If you have an orchid related business (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography etc.) and would like it listed in our business listing, please contact membership:

czvanski@hotmail.com or flojo1337@yahoo.com

Special Announcement - Just In!

A limited supply of 2-volume sets of "A compendium of miniature orchids" by Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen are now available. The cost will be \$140/set. Books are only

sold as 2-volume set, and are signed by the authors. If you are interested in purchasing a set, please contact Mary at meg570@comcast.net

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Special Events



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\$10.00 ADMISSION FRIDAY PREVIEW NIGHT

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